

HOUSE BILL 149

By Zachary

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 6, relative to educational programs for  
students in kindergarten through grade twelve.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

(a)

(1) Each LEA and public charter school shall provide age-appropriate  
instruction to public school students in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12)  
on the events of September 11, 2001.

(2) The instruction required under subdivision (a)(1) must occur annually  
on September 11, unless September 11 falls on a day when school is not in  
session, then the instruction must be provided to students on the last regular  
school day that immediately precedes September 11 of that year.

(b) An LEA or public charter school providing instruction on the events of  
September 11, 2001, as required in subdivision (a)(1), is encouraged to, if practicable:

(1) Begin the instruction at eight forty-six a.m. (8:46 a.m.), prevailing  
time;

(2) Continue the instruction for a minimum of nine (9) minutes and eleven  
(11) seconds;

(3) Incorporate the phrases "United We Stand" and "Never Forget" into  
the instruction; and

(4) Focus the instruction on heroism, patriotism, and the sacrifices made by the first responders and volunteers who aided in the rescue and recovery efforts.

(c) The department of education shall provide each LEA and public charter school with a variety of age-appropriate and grade-appropriate internet resources and materials that may be used to educate K-12 public school students about the events of September 11, 2001. The resources and materials identified by the department should aid educators and curriculum coordinators in creating programs and lesson plans. Each LEA and public charter school shall determine the resources and materials that will be used to provide the instruction required under subdivision (a)(1).

(d) This section is repealed on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the 2021-2022 school year and each school year thereafter.